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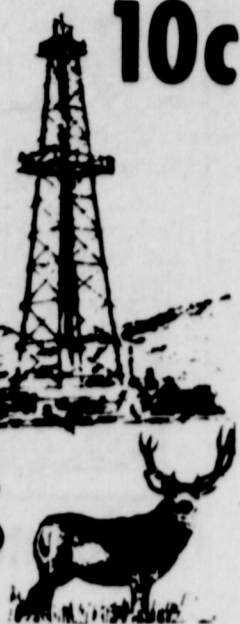
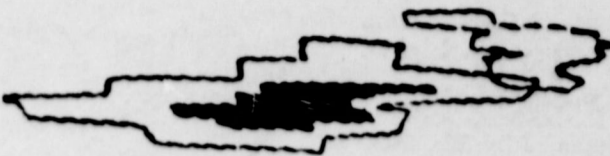
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It Depends



How You Look At It!



CHRISTMAS?



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"Don't be afraid!", he said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born tonight in Bethlehem!"
Luke 2:10b-11, Living Bible

So very much depends on how you look at it!

As we pause in the rush of the season to think of our friends and what they mean to us, we wish for all of you a Christmas filled with the hope and promise of what Christmas really means!

EVERYONE AT THE TIMES



New Dialing Instructions For Local Phone Users

Effective December 22, Sanderson residents must add a fifth digit to numbers when dialing local calls.

"The last number of the 345 prefix must be added to the four numbers now dialed," said Don Lincoln, manager for Southwestern Bell.

"For example, instead of dialing only 2441, customers must dial 5-2441," Lincoln explained. (Customers must dial the last digit of the 753 exchange for all Big Canyon telephone numbers.)

The manager said the change is necessitated by rearrangements of switching equipment in the Sanderson office.

"These equipment changes are necessary to assure continued good telephone service in Sanderson," Lincoln pointed out.

He emphasized that as of December 22 any Sanderson call dialed using only four digits would not go through.

School Board Has Brief Meet

The board of trustees of the Terrell County Independent School District had a brief meeting Monday night at the regularly scheduled time.

The minutes were read and approved; the bills were approved and the financial statement heard; a leave of absence was given Mrs. Manual Parada Jr., starting in January 1976; a request by the junior class concerning the junior-senior banquet was denied by the board; Mrs. C.O. Cash was placed under Pay Grade III, Mrs. Cosby under Pay Grade II, Mrs. Baker under Pay Grade I, and E.E. Harkins under Pay Grade 10B.



Santa's Coming!

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Friday at 1:00 o'clock, Santa Claus will appear in person at the elementary school under the sponsorship of the Sanderson Lions Club. All preschool children are invited to be there and join the pupils in receiving bags of "goodies" from Santa and making their "wants" for Christmas known.

GREETINGS AVAILABLE

The Times has sought to contact all businesses in Sanderson to see if they wanted a Christmas greeting in the paper this week. If we missed you, we did not intentionally do so.

Persons or businesses who would like to take this means of sending our readers their greetings may do so by contacting us prior to Monday noon.

L.R. Grigsby loaned us a picture of necessity and innovation - the need for milk on an outing and the acquiring of same. The scene was at Independence Creek and the cow is long-since dead.

Downie Property Condemnation Suit For Dam Site Heard Last Thursday Here

A special commission composed of Greene Cooke, Vic Littleton, and Troy Druse, heard evidence and testimony Thursday of last week in condemnation proceedings by Terrell County against Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Downie. The action involved land on the W.G. Downie ranch necessary to construct a flood prevention dam in connection with the Sanderson Canyon Watershed Flood Control Project. The special commission - Cooke, Littleton, and Druse - was appointed by the Terrell County Commissioners' Court to act in behalf of the court in establishing a value on the land involved and award that amount to the Downies

in return for the surface rights to the property.

It was pointed out at the proceedings that the condemnation suit was the result of failure between the two parties to reach an agreement in an effort to acquire an easement for access to and construction of the flood control dam.

George Finley of Kermit, who had been retained by Terrell County, to represent them in the legal proceedings of the condemnation, presented the nature of the suit, read the law concerning the considerations of the suit, and stipulated the bounds within which the commission, the plaintiff, and defendants would be allowed to operate in their consideration of the testimony, evidence, and determination of the award to the defendants. Mr. and Mrs. Downie represented themselves in the suit.

Flood Prevention Dams Are Nearer

Only one easement is now needed in the final step toward realization of the beginning of the flood control project for Sanderson. The easement lacking is the one for the dam to be constructed on the Lee McCue Estate property and because of the involvement of minor children, there must be a "friendly" suit of condemnation, a matter to be taken up in the near future, according to information received.

The acquisition of the W.G. Downie property by condemnation proceedings last Thursday was the next to the last step in completing of that portion of the project and was necessary due to the failure of Terrell County Commissioners and Mr. and Mrs. Downie to agree on terms for the securing of an easement.

It has been brought out several times that actual construction work, or any additional work by the Soil Conservation Service in the actual construction of the dams, will be impossible before the acquisition of the final easement.

It was specifically noted that the hearing involved only the consideration of that land which was needed for access to and from the dam site by construction workers, maintenance inspectors and workers, and that land containing the dam structure, holding pool, etc., behind the dam, and its value prior to the securing of the title to the property for the construction of the dam and its value immediately following the securing of the title to the property for the construction of the dam.

The first witness to testify was Allen Colwick, engineer with the Soil Conservation Service in Temple. His testimony involved the necessity for the dam in the overall scheme of efforts to prevent a flood in Sanderson similar in magnitude to the one which took 27 lives in 1965 and caused several million dollars in damage to range and town property. He also testified as to the strength of the dam, details of its construction, history of dam con-

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Pageant Sunday Night Here

The Presbyterian Church's annual Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The public is cordially invited.

The pageant is the Christmas story in scripture and song and is an annual endeavor of the members of the church.

Persons attending the pageant are invited to an open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Zuberbueler following the pageant.

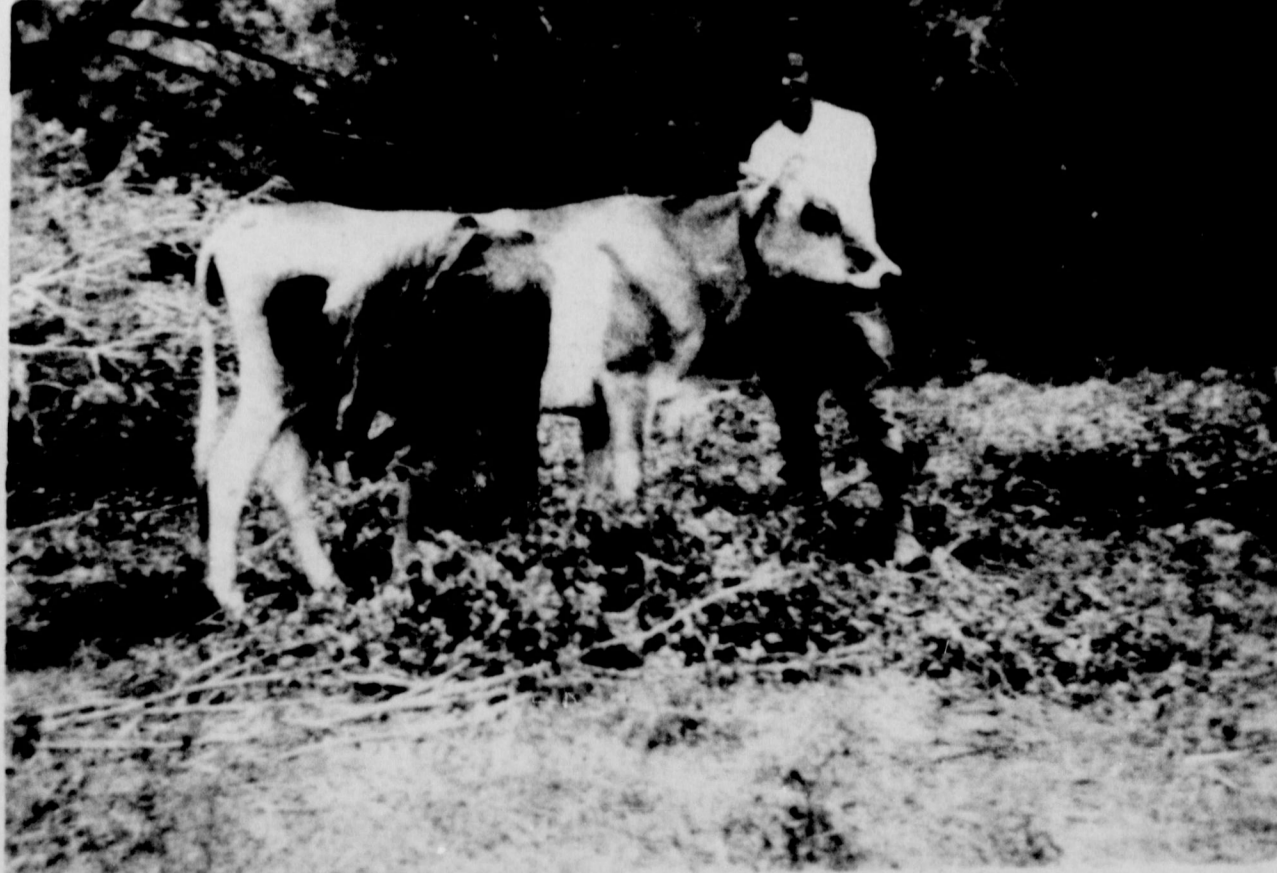
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT EL BUEN PASTOR CHURCH

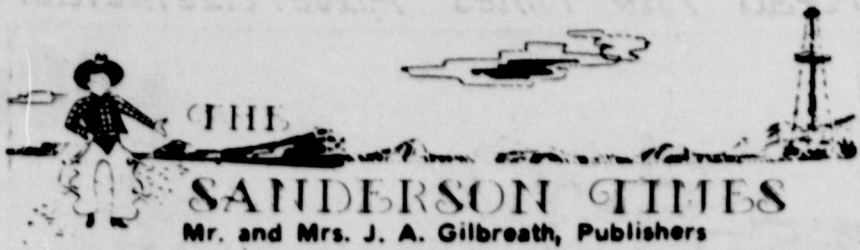
There will be a Christmas program at El Buen Pastor Methodist Church Sunday evening beginning at 7:00 o'clock. There will be two plays followed by several readings and the singing of Christmas carols. A social hour and refreshments will follow. Rev. Eduardo Rodriguez, pastor, has extended a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE

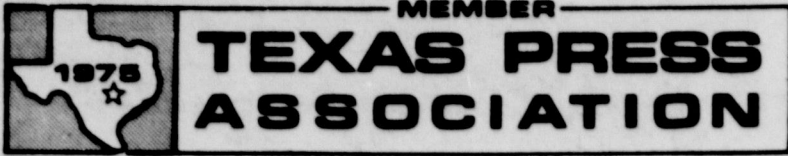
There will be a candlelight communion service at the First United Methodist Church on Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

R.L. Casillas was brought home Monday from Houston where he had heart surgery two weeks ago. He is reported to be making satisfactory recovery. Mrs. Casillas and her daughter, Mrs. Joe Garcia Jr., of Fort Stockton, have been with him. He was in San Antonio for two weeks before going to Houston for the surgery.





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Condemnation —

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struction by the SCS and their total success of fail-proof dams since the inception of the flood-prevention dam construction program by SCS. He said, among other things, that the dam would be built to withstand a flood of 28.5 inches of rainfall in six hours - an imaginary figure exceeding anything yet recorded in the United States. He explained the system of draw-down of the water caught behind the dam, etc. He also answered questions put to him by Mr. and Mrs. Downie concerning the construction of the dam, its safety, etc. It was brought out that in their efforts to get specific details of the type and manner of construction, for study by private engineers retained by Mr. and Mrs. Downie, that they had failed; and Mr. Finley rebutted that all the information now obtained and available in the office of the Soil Conservation Service could be reviewed by an engineer, but that there were certain specifics that the SCS engineers had not yet made concerning the construction such as results of core-drilling, size of the foundation ditch, amount of steel, etc., that would be made later when each dam site planning was done.

Frank Fulk of Fort Stockton, rancher and appraiser, was the second witness called by Mr. Finley. He stated his qualifications as an appraiser and gave a detailed account of his visit to the Downie ranch, his considerations in making his appraisal of the land involved in the necessary easement, and related his findings. Mr. Fulk appraised the approximately 114 acres involved at a value of \$45.50 per acre with no minerals included, specified other involvements and considerations in his appraisal and gave a total figure of approximately \$12,500. Mr. and Mrs. Downie had some questions for Mr. Fulk, as did the commissioners, following his testimony presented in questions from Mr. Finley.

Mr. Downie presented a map showing the situation of the dam in relation to his home at the ranch, pens, fences, windmills, waterings, etc., and a general contour of the land in that area. He pointed out difficulties in the operation of his ranch he anticipated following the construction of the dam, the expense of rebuilding pens, relocating roads, revamping his entire operation of the ranch, and specifically noted their concern and anxiety for their own safety following the dam's construction and living in the proximity of and just below the structure. Through out his presentation of this evidence or information, it was pointed out by Mr. Finley

that the sole consideration of the commission was the value of the land at the damsite, not the cost of or inconvenience in relocating roads, fences, waterings, method of operation, etc.; that these considerations had been made in previous efforts to negotiate an agreement for an easement for the dam's construction, etc., and that having failed in those efforts to negotiate, the commissioners were forced to take the action of securing the land by condemnation proceedings, which nullified any previous efforts to negotiate and any offers made by the county in those efforts; again stressing the fact that the value of the land at the damsite was the only consideration for the commission.

When Mr. Downie began to quote figures on monetary values of the land, severance, damages, rebuilding and relocating their home, etc., he

was asked to testify under oath so that he could be cross-examined by Mr. Finley. Mr. Downie gave a figure of \$120,000.00 as the total, in his opinion, due them by Terrell County as a result of the dam's construction. In a rather heated exchange, Mr. Finley pointed out that Mr. Downie had rendered the property for taxes at \$2.50 per acre and that he had accepted Mr. Fulk's appraisal of \$45.50 per acre as being adequate and fair in value, and pointed out the difference in these two figures. Mr. Downie then rebutted the fact that it was the Terrell County Commissioners who had established this value for taxes and that his signing of the rendition to this effect was only an agreement with what they had said was the value. Mr. Downie completed his testimony with an emphasis of his reasoning that the ranch's value was diminished by the proposed construction of the dam due to what he thought was inconvenience, additional costs of relocating facilities, their feeling of insecurity in living in the house, etc., and asked for understanding of those facts by the commission. The commissioners appointed for the hearing retired for their determination of a value and returned shortly with a figure of \$12,721.20 to be awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Downie.

Wish everyone you see "Merry Christmas!"



WELCOME To This World!

To Mr. and Mrs. Rolando Rodriguez of El Paso was born their first child, a daughter, on Monday, December 8. Her birth weight was eight pounds and one ounce and her name is Amanda Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Eutimio Rodriguez are the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Fuentes the paternal great-grandparents, and Mrs. Cecilia Segura of Valentine the maternal grandmother.

Attention CLASS OF 1965 Reunion Postponed

to July 4th or 5th, and we'll try to include classes of 1964, 1965, and 1966.

Contact Pixie or Mrs. Farley Anyone coming in Christmas -- come on up, anyway.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



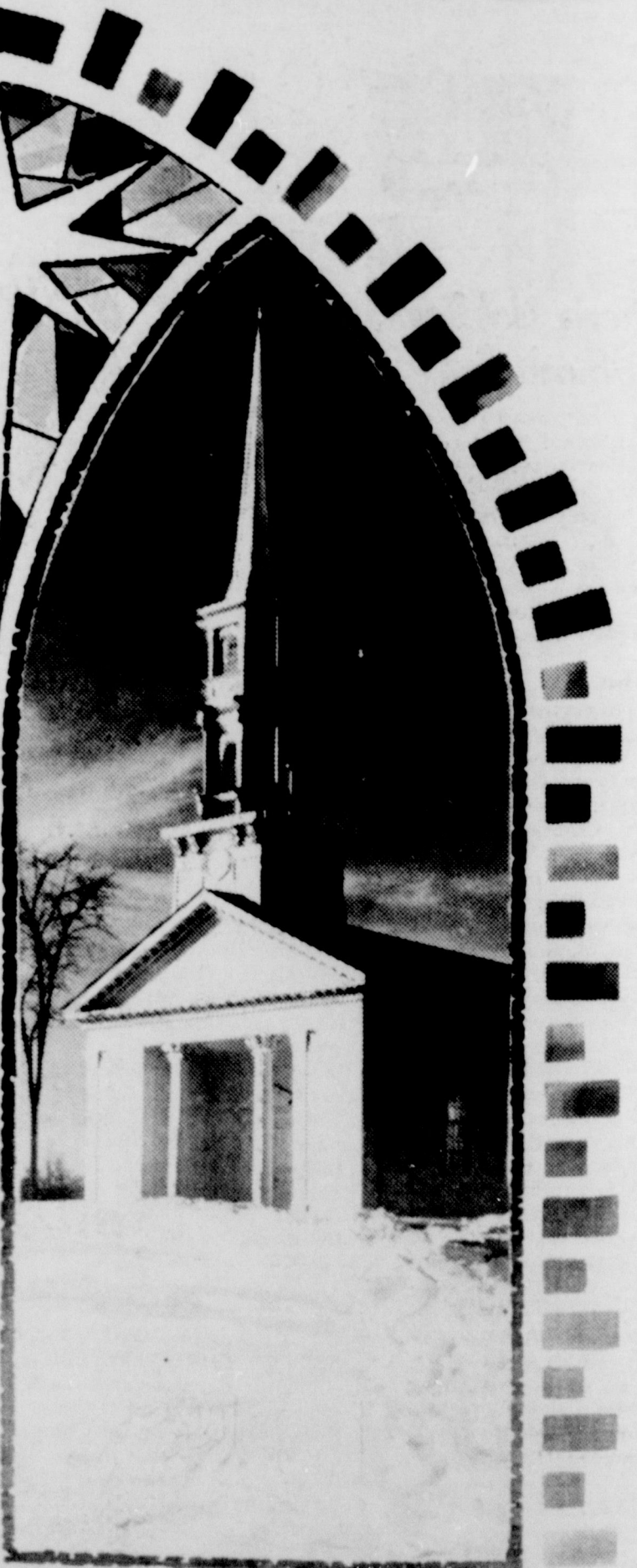
Santa's pack holds a special message from us to you — good wishes for a wonderful holiday! Merry Christmas!

Clayton Stubblefield

In the Spirit of Christmas

Let us turn our thoughts to the first Christmas and capture in our hearts all the peace, love and understanding of that Day.

In the true spirit of Christmas, we wish you a happy and holy Day and pray that the blessings of the season will truly be yours.



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Pecos Trail Boosted At Rest Areas

Bright new displays in rest areas on Interstate Highways 10 and 20 may persuade thousands of potential visitors to enjoy the varied attractions of cities and towns along the Texas Pecos Trail.

The 3x3-foot panels are being erected on rest area information and will soon be on exhibit in motels and restaurants along the trail highways that stretch from Pecos, Midland and Odessa in a great loop southwest to Junction Brackettville and Sanderson.

Supporting the state's new promotion of the pleasure-driving route that was established in 1968, the Pecos Trail Association, headquartered in Odessa, bought 32 of the colorful panels for display in prominent public areas along the trail route.

Featuring a Pecos Trail map plus colorful artwork depicting prominent points of interest, the panels cite the Sahara-like sands of Monahans and the beautiful Caverns of Sonora. Motorists are reminded that they can discover an old frontier fort, the legend of Judge Roy Bean, a Shakespearean theater and water sports on mighty Amistad reservoir.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation is playing new emphasis on the Pecos Trail for increased travel efficiency. Departmental spokesmen point out that the trail regiments, offering ready-made jaunts for a weekend or longer, provide more travel pleasure per mile, plus discovery of close-to-home recreational opportunities.

The Pecos Trail is signed on highways, and free driving guides are available at local chambers of commerce along the way or by mail from the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation in Austin.

Diphtheria Not Dead Health Officials Say

Diphtheria isn't dead yet -- outbreaks do occur in all age groups, and national statistics show many cases are severe with five to ten per cent fatal.

Carla Shearer, a health education specialist says. She's with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University system.

"Immunization is the only effective protection against diphtheria. Babies can be immunized at about two months of age, but aren't fully protected until they have had all three doses of the series.

"Diphtheria vaccine is almost always combined with pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus vaccines. After the basic series, regular booster doses of diphtheria vaccine are necessary to stay immunized.

"Although often thought of as a childhood disease, diphtheria also strikes adults. The Texas Department of Health Resource suggests that adults receive diphtheria booster shots, usually combined with tetanus vaccine, every 10 years," the specialist said.

Of symptoms, Miss Shearer said diphtheria starts like a cold with the usual sore throat and fever. But these symptoms rapidly get worse, and the patient will have difficulty swallowing. Heart damage, serious disability or even death may result, the specialist noted.

DIPPING CUSTOM

Long ago, families welcomed the New Year by observing the "dipping custom". With eyes closed, the head of the family would open the Bible and indicate a passage with his finger. The text, read and interpreted by the family, was indicative of the luck, good or bad, that was in store during the year ahead.

Boost Sanderson Every Ch. nce

Christmas Greetings—Happy Bicentennial Year!



SANTA LEADS HIS BAND on this humorous rendition of "Washington Crossing the Delaware." This and other Bicentennial Christmas cards are available from the American Artists Group.

The coming season is sure to be a real "old-fashioned Christmas" as Bicentennial themes add a touch of Americana to traditional holiday celebrations.

This year's favorite Christmas cards are reminiscent of early handmade greetings that combined artwork with a personal message. The American Artists Group Collection for 1975 features a host of cards inspired by the Bicentennial. These unique personalized cards, on sale at fine stores, range from traditional to humorous in design, all with the spirit of Christmas 1776.

Natural Christmas decorations like the ones first used in early America will be

especially popular: berries, holly, evergreen, candy and gingerbread ornaments on the tree... all authentic touches that look like 1776 but are great energy-savers in 1975!

Creative cooks can honor the Bicentennial with Christmas tables set with All-American dishes like hot cornbread and turkey stuffed with apples or chestnuts. For more unusual dishes, a sharp eye is sure to be rewarded as many 200-year-old recipes will be in print as Christmas draws near.

From the greeting cards on the mantel to the candy canes on the tree, this Christmas will be more nostalgic than ever... the perfect beginning for Bicentennial Year.

Yuletide bells peal out glad tidings, our hearts are filled with joy! May all the blessings of Christmas be yours!

Ray Hodgkins
Jolly Harkins **Pelham Rose Stavley**
Marcella Harrison **Robert Bustos**
Your Postal Employees

merry christmas

We wish you, one and all a joyous, fun-filled holiday season.

Flores Drive-in Grocery

and a *Merry Christmas* to You, too!

Riggins ...
Jewels Gifts Flowers

O, come all ye faithful,

Sing out the praises of this joyful season in voices loud and clear. Have a Merry Christmas.

Josephine's Coctus Shop

GREETINGS for Christmas

We wish you a Christmas near your loved ones... a season of joy and good will.

SHAMROCK TRUCK CENTER

Music Reflects Christmas Joy

"Carol, brothers, carol. Carol joyfully!"
 With the coming of Christmas, almost everyone accepts the injunction of the old song to "carol joyfully". From special church services to a family gathering, a carol-singing is a traditional pleasure.

The custom of singing carols at holiday time is an ancient one - begun, perhaps, even before the first Christ-

mas, at celebrations such as the Roman Saturnalia. Modern interest in music, and in learning to play musical instruments, has given carol singing a healthy boost. In most homes, at least one member of the family can be depended on to provide instrumental accompaniment for carols - and the instrument may vary from the old favorite piano to the currently popular guitar.

Music in any form has long been especially beloved as a means of expressing Christmas joy. Early Christian believers were forced to worship in secret - and therefore, quietly. Then, in the fifth and sixth centuries, Christianity came out of the catacombs - and exultation for freedom of worship was expressed in the glad tidings in song and the ringing of church bells.

Early hymns and carols, however, were in Latin. Carol singing in its modern form - in the common language of the country - probably originated in 1223, when St. Francis introduced the first realistic replica of the manger scene, in the little town of Greccio, Italy.

From this beginning, the practice of erecting a creche or crib soon became a Christmas tradition in many towns. Around the representation of the first Christmas, villagers gathered to marvel, pray, and sing. Often, the creche was constructed in a churchyard or on a public street. Thus it was natural for the worshippers to stroll away from the devotional service - formal or informal - and continue singing the beloved carols as they made their way home. This spontaneous action may well have led to the cus-

tom of going from place to place to sing carols. And the more music, the better, was the rule. Any musical instrument, however humble, was a welcome addition and accompaniment.

In later centuries, the "wasailing" or "gooding" expeditions helped the growth of caroling. Singers went from

house to house, receiving treats as rewards for carols. Even oppression could not put an end to carol singing. When the Puritans abolished Christmas observances in England, printed sheets of carols were bootlegged for a penny. And poets and musicians were right on composing carols, they do today.



A Merry Christmas to All

May your Christmas "stocking" be filled with every good thing you wish for . . . we'd like to add a note of thanks for you — a fine customer!


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Helen and Ernest Massey

Merry Christmas



To wish you all the truest joys of Christmas

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Longley



Greetings

On this joyous day, we ask that the boundless love of the Christ Child surround you and your family, always.

CHAGO FLORES JR. **GANDY'S** LALO YARRA JR.

Let's Keep Christmas In Proper Spirit

The Bible says: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

As we prepare to celebrate another Christmas, how many of us remember these words-- or are our thoughts too completely occupied with a present for Uncle John and Aunt Susie, with the preparation of lavish and expensive decorations; with the table settings for a sumptuous feast?

God did so love the world... that He gave us His Son... that He gave us this day that we call Christmas. This He gave us; nothing more. He did not supply the traditions; He spoke not of holly and mistletoe, nor of food and feasting. The many things that have come to be associated with the observance of Christmas--by all too many people--have been added through the centuries. The sad part of it all is that some have become so fascinated by all the embellishments that they have lost sight of the true meaning of Christmas: Christ's birthday. The day on which Christ was born. The day of the Redeemer. A Holy Day. A Spiritual Day.

Let us keep our bright Christmas trees, the colored lights, and deck the halls with boughs of holly. Let us set a table that would please the palate of a king. But, with it all, let us find the time to search hopefully for the joy and peace that was Christ's purpose when He was born and when for 30 years and three He walked the face of earth, the highest example of life as a mortal being.



Merry Christmas

One of the special pleasures of Christmas is the opportunity to greet one's friends and customers — with appreciation of our cordial relations.

SANDERSON GULF STATION
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it's
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by Lyndell Williams

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Courts Speak

Texas Supreme Court refused to force trial of a suit by 12 alien children seeking to throw out a state law which requires them to pay tuition to attend Houston public schools.

The high court also rejected Alamo Heights and Edgewood (San Antonio) school districts' efforts to require their taxable property values to be equalized with those of other districts.

month, with \$30 per day living expense allowances during sessions.

California legislators are paid the most—\$21,120 a year plus a \$30 per day expense allowances, a leased auto and gasoline credit card and \$4,556 a month to

STIN — Texas political are gearing up for 1976 presidential elections—and the state's (and perhaps only) presidential preference primary.

Republicans launched their primary plans several weeks ago, and organizations are forming to support candidates of President Gerald Ford and former California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

Democrats met in Fort Worth last week to finalize delegate selection rules changes. They also approved a proposal to streamline their state conventions (making them double-header, two-day sessions, instead of one- or two-day 24-hour marathons).

U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Alabama Gov. George Wallace are moving out front among Democratic presidential candidates in the Texas primary May 1 with preliminary petition-gathering and organization.

Liberal Democrats met in San Antonio Saturday to map their strategy to try to minimize the delegate strength of Bentsen and Wallace.

Former U.S. Sen. Ralph Scarborough said he may become a candidate in the preference primary, although he will reach no firm decision before the end of the year.

Former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter is also making plans to enter the primary, as is former Oklahoma Sen. Fred Harris. Other candidates are undecided.

Metric Conversion

Texas industry may be converting already to the metric system of measurement, according to testimony before a House sub-committee.

State agency spokesmen discussed with the panel a possible overhaul of the state tax structure if the change from the English system of measurement (feet, yards, pounds and inches) is adopted.

The U.S. is the only major industrialized nation not using the metric system. Congress has been considering several bills which would convert to that system.

Some industry representatives said they feel the conversion ultimately is inevitable.

Race Opens

Chief Justice Charles Barrow, 54, of the San Antonio Fourth Court of Civil Appeals last week mounted a campaign for an upcoming State Supreme Court vacancy.

Barrow so far is unopposed, but he said he will "run like a scared coyote," expecting another candidate will emerge before filing deadline. The veteran of 13 years on the intermediate appellate court bench paid his filing fee as a Democratic candidate.

Lawmaker Pay 25th

Texas legislators are now squarely in the middle among those of 50 states when it comes to the payroll.

They rank 25th at \$600 a



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Althea O'Bryant

to Our Friends

With many good wishes for

CHRISTMAS

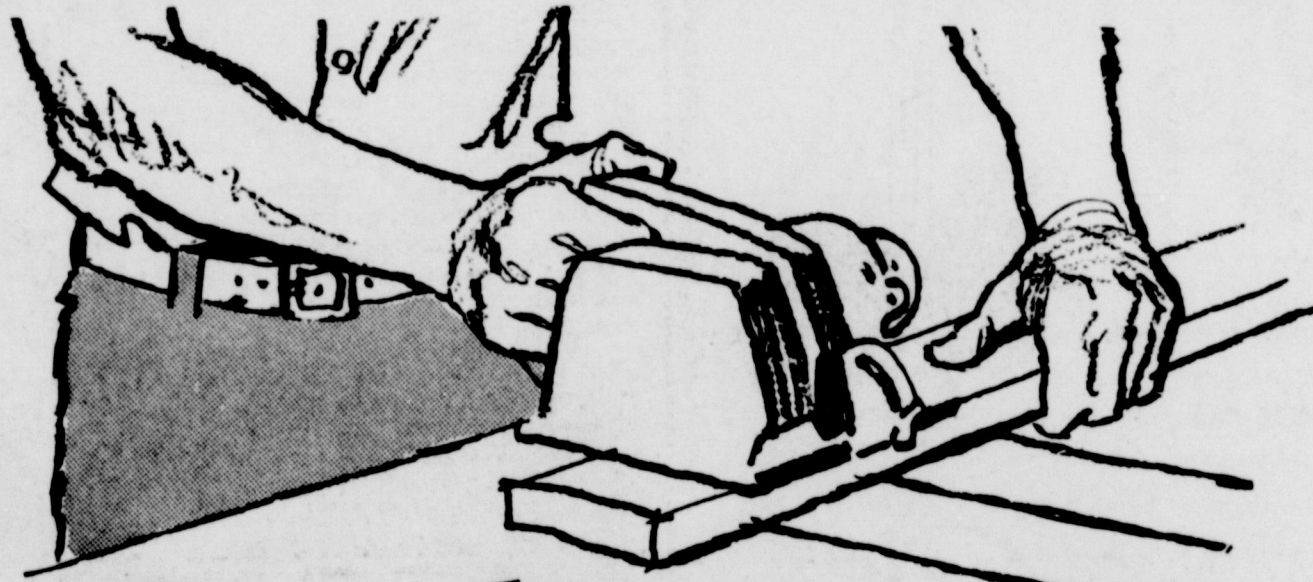
McDonald's Garage

It is our sincere wish that this will be a season of great joy for you and yours. You have been wonderful to us in the past and we welcome the opportunity of expressing our thanks to you at Christmas.

MAY you have a Wonderful Christmas

Reba and Marsha Montoe

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IN ICELAND

Since trees are scarce in Iceland, families must use their ingenuity in creating a Christmas tree. A pole with branches of greenery tied to it is the solution in many iselandic homes. And the valuable real trees are saved for industrial use.

LOG MUST LAST

In England and France, the Yule log is favored; in some districts of England, whole families go to the forest to select their Yule log. Pear, olive, and applewood are considered best. Tradition says that the log must be large enough to last until New Year's Day.

STOCKING LEGEND

A fourth-century bishop of Turkey, Saint Nicholas, was the real-life predecessor of Santa Claus. According to legend, he dropped a bag of gold coins down a chimney into a stocking which a poor girl had hung by the fireplace to dry; hence our custom of hanging Christmas stockings.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN SPAIN

A gay New Year's eve celebration takes place in Puerta del Sol, Madrid's Time Square.

Twelve grapes are a part of the celebration. As the clock strikes midnight, the grapes are held high overhead and eaten for luck - one for each month of the year.



We're joining Santa and his reindeer in sending warmest wishes for a joyous holiday, rich in many blessings. Do have a wonderful Christmas!

Joe's Chevron Service Station & Cafe
Joe Vasquez Dryden

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Stavley of May visited here last week with friends and relatives, including his mother, Mrs. Lena

Stavley, and their son, Charles Stavley, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Baker and children, Jeff and Jenni-

fer, of Cotulla visited here for several days with her brother, Kenneth Snow, and family last week.

Peace on Earth



May happiness and contentment lead you as surely as the Star led the Wise Men to the Manger... and may this Holiday bring you all the good things in life. Merry Christmas to all!



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Mr. and Mrs. Austin Nance

We Take This Opportunity
To Wish All You Readers
A Very

Merry Christmas

And A

Happy New Year

SANDERSON STATE BANK

Hahn's Feted Tuesday At Fish Supper

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laughlin entertained with a supper featuring fried fish in the Cox home Tuesday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hahn of Belton, who were visiting here with friends.

The guests also included Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Wilkinson, and Mrs. C.E. Litton.

The men went to the meeting of the Masonic Lodge and then came back for dessert.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Stavley of

May, who were visiting here, then joined the group.

IN NORWAY

The Norwegian Christmas traditionally starts six months before December 24. The celebration itself lasts three weeks. The period is known as the Julafred, or the Peace of Christmas.

IN FINLAND

Just before Christmas Day, families in Finland take a sauna bath. This is the traditional steam bath taken in a hut with a stone oven.

TREES LIVE AND BLOOM IN LEGENDS OF YULETIDE

Almost every kind of tree has a legend relating it to the nativity or the life of Christ.

The cherry tree, says "The Cherry Tree Carol", bent down its boughs for Mary to pick the fruit.

The Glastonbury Thorn blooms at Christmas because, legend says, St. Joseph of Arimathea, on his arrival in England, drove his staff into the ground while he was carrying the Holy Grail, the chalice used at the last supper.

The staff took root and grew into a thorn tree.

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BUZZING WITH HOLLY

An English tradition of long ago says that sprigs of holly should be placed in beehives at Christmas. This stems from a legend that at the manger bees gathered to hum a hymn of joy.

Returning home Sunday after spending several days on the R.A. Gatlin ranch were Rowland Kinkler and Ovid Murphy of Beeville and Art Schulte and son, Charlie, of Victoria.

IN LIBERIA

Liberians use an oil palm in place of the traditional fir as a Christmas tree. The palm is decorated with red balls, other palm leaves, and fern.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hahn left Friday for their home in Belton after visiting here with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Tol Murrah accompanied them to Temple where Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wilhite Jr. took the Murrahs on to Dallas to visit her brother, Hugh Rose, and family.



Christmas Joy

Humble shepherds left their flocks in the fields that holy night, and sought the Babe whose birth angels had proclaimed unto them. They beheld him lying in a manger in the City of David, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

And from the East, following the brilliant Star, Wise Men came to adore, and to offer precious gifts to the newborn King.

Today, nations and peoples share in that first Christmas, in its boundless hope and its promise of peace, with joyous celebrations. May you and your loved ones keep the spirit of this holy season always in your hearts, perpetuating its strength and comfort.

Dudley's



Pastors' Corner

CHRISTIANS OUGHT TO BE CHRISTIANS

Rev. Paul Tatum
First Baptist Church
"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them". Matt. 7:20.

It seems that churches everywhere are plagued, to one degree or another, by an inactive membership. These are the folk who are satisfied just to have a convenient "parking place" for their church membership without accepting their responsibility of faithfulness. Of course, they "race their motors" every now and then, just to let folks know that they are still around; but like an antique car, they remain stationary and ineffective on the sidelines.

Recently, in a nationwide survey, thousands of pastors agreed that at least one-half of their church members had never been born again. Think of this: a "Christian" church that is 50% pagan!

And surely similar statistics must be present in all of our churches. How else can we account for church members who will not regularly attend worship services in God's house. How else can we explain church members who get puffed up and prove that they are spiritual babies when something doesn't go just to suit them? How else can we account for church members who prefer to sit in a Sunday School class year after year instead of accepting a place of service?

There is just something about having to beg church members to be Christian that is spiritually nauseating. It is like suddenly coming face to face with a sickening plague which you knew existed but had never encountered on its own terms. There are many wonderful stories of Christians who have won their way brethren back into the service of their Lord as the Bible tells us to do. But the harvest is pitifully small, all the while lost folks are dying and going to hell.

If a person is born again there should be no need to beg him to take an active part in God's work. Too long we have pampered lazy and cold church members by merely suggesting that they have a choice about tithing, a choice about faithfulness. There is a choice; but it is a choice that is made, ultimately and indelibly, when a lost sinner receives Christ as his personal Savior.

Our Lord tells us (Matt. 8) that when a Christian fails to act like a Christian we are to treat him as a heathen. But how are we to treat the heathen? We are to pray for him, we are to go to him with love, and we are to witness to him!

When we do find it necessary to go to an inactive church member, we ought to be very careful not merely to pat him on the back and tell him how much we miss him and need him at church. Instead, hadn't we better go with burdened hearts and a testimony of salvation in order to win him to Jesus? Experience seems to prove that we win more people by being burdened for them than by begging them.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Nance went to San Angelo Monday for her to have medical attention.

Dr. Omer D. Price

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Presbyterian W.O.C. Meets on Monday

Mrs. E.E. Farley was in San Angelo Monday for a medical checkup.

Mrs. W.H. Savage was in San Angelo the first of the week attending to business matters.

Mrs. Gilbert Bell presided at the meeting of the Presbyterian Women of the Church Monday afternoon in the fellowship hall and opened the meeting with a prayer and a

Christmas devotional.

After a short business meeting, Mrs. David Marx gave a Christmas message from "The Christian Observer". Mrs. J.A. Gilbreath led the closing prayer.

Mrs. Gilbreath, hostess, served tea, coffee, and cake during the social hour. Two

potted poinsettias provided the decor for the table.

Also present were Mmes. E. Harkins Jr., R.S. Wilkinson, N.M. Mitchell, R.A. Gatlin, Jolly Harkins, and Jack Riggs.

Make this a "Merry, Merry Christmas" for everyone!

Glad Christmas Tidings

The time of peace and joy has come to men, the light of happiness sheds its glow over us all. It's Christmastide! Our wish is for you to share this joy... have a merry Christmas!

Spedys Body Shop

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our sleigh is overflowing with holiday wishes and sincere thanks for one and all.

SANDERSON DRUG STORE

MRS. W.J. FERGUSON JR.
Manager



JOY AT CHRISTMAS

This Christmastide, may the peace and contentment that comes with love, understanding and good will towards our fellowmen prevail throughout the world. And for you and yours especially, may the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its hopes brighter than ever before.

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**Report of
BOB KRUEGER
U.S. Representative**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF
SMALL COMMUNITIES & THE
BURLESON AMENDMENT**

As our country has grown and prospered and as we have become an increasingly industrial society, we have seen large numbers of people move from rural areas and small towns into cities and urban areas. Cities have offered cultural opportunities, industrial efficiency, and economies in communication not available in rural areas. At the same time, they have often brought with them increasing anonymity. When cities failed to develop their own smaller communities within themselves, this anonymity encouraged crime along with disrespect and impersonal attitudes towards one's neighbors.

Similar gains and losses have appeared as we have created centralized government. Some times there are economies in planning and in providing services, but at other times the federal government has been too large to respond effectively to the valid needs of our 220 million citizens and our diverse communities. In particular, the federal government in its legislation and jurisdiction often acts as if all bills passed are directed solely toward city dwellers. Requirements are frequently established for small communities which a city could reasonably meet but which a small town has no chance to satisfy. As Congress has increasingly, and I believe mistakenly, tried to address itself to more and more problems, it has been unable to study those problems and how the solutions would affect diverse individuals and communities across the USA. Thus, legislation is passed which makes sense for large cities but not for small towns.

A recent HEW regulation required all hospitals to have a registered nurse on duty 24 hours a day in order to receive medicare funds. Many small communities with hospitals serving the needs of their people in those communities could not possibly satisfy such a requirement; therefore, I was pleased to have worked with Congressman Burleson and others to pass a bill waiving this requirement for small hospitals. As a result, hospitals in Medina, Concho, and other counties in the 21st District will be able to stay open and continue to serve the needs of their communities. This will enable better and lower cost health care than would have been possible had smaller hospitals in these counties been forced to close because of a federal regulation they could not meet.

**Christmas is Not
X's Birthday**

Today is the day of commercialization and advertising. Throughout the year we are bombarded with ads and promotions of one kind or another proclaiming the merits of everything from shoelaces to \$10,000 autos. Everybody has something to sell and Christmas is the biggest selling season of all.

In our efforts to buy and sell, we too often lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. We seem, some of us, to forget who's birthday it is. Evidence for this can be found in the word "Xmas." It's easier to say, and much easier to write on an ad layout or sign. However, we are not celebrating X's birthday. Who was, or is "X"? Put the "Christ" back into Christmas.

IN FRANCE

Traditionally, adults in France do not exchange gifts until New Year's Day.

In some French villages, shepherds bring their lambs to church on Christmas.

It is important to keep our government as attuned as possible to the needs of small communities as well as to those of large cities; I hope that you will contact my office and allow me the opportunity to assist if there are regulations bringing unnecessary hardship which you would like to see changed. Equal

representation means that the small communities and large cities and the citizens who live in each have equal rights to be heard and have their interests protected by the federal government. I welcome any and all opportunities to maintain balance in federal policies and fair treatment for rural and urban communities.

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HOLIDAY
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May CHRISTMAS bring to you and yours
the gifts of peace, joy and lasting contentment.

With this wish, we greet our friends and neighbors and extend our heartfelt thanks for your many kindnesses. We are privileged to serve you.

Western Auto Associate Store

MRS. A.I. PAGITT AND STAFF

Broken Organ Led to Composing Of 'Silent Night'

The Rev. Josef Mohr was a priest of implicit faith and childlike trust in the goodness of man. He had a close friend, Franz Gruber, who was versed in music and dabbled now and then in composition.

Between them they composed the world's most simple and beautiful Christmas song—"Silent Night, Holy Night."

The song is sung in practically all civilized tongues. Yet, little or no thoughts, are given to the poet and composer and the little town and country in which they worked and lived.

Europe was at peace on Christmas eve, 1818. The Napoleonic wars were over and there was much happiness in the little town of Oberndorf, Austria.

There was one minor note of sadness. The organ in the little church had finally given out and there would be no music for the traditional midnight mass.

But the people of Oberndorf did not know that Mohr had written a poem and given it to his organist Gruber. In a few hours during the afternoon and evening of December 23, 1818, Gruber set the words to music.

And strange as it may seem, Gruber used a guitar to provide the musical accompaniment.

Thus was born the song that is universally loved and which has made Mohr and Gruber immortal.

Mohr died as vicar on December 4, 1818, in Waegrein, Salzburg. He was greatly loved and respected, but so poor that the town had to pay the funeral expenses.

Franz Gruber fared a little better, but according to our standards, both author and composer were as poor as the shepherds on the fields near Bethlehem.

The church of St. Nicola at Oberndorf no longer stands. A simple memorial chapel has been built there and is a shrine receiving pilgrims from all parts of the world.

No Christmas?

"Hear ye, hear ye! Christmas will not be celebrated. All who observe that abominable day will be severely punished."

An unlikely message for a town crier? Not in the time of Oliver Cromwell!

Cromwell and his Puritan Party did indeed consider Christmas an "abominable day", and on December 24, 1653, they succeeded in getting the English Parliament to pass a law making Christmas celebrations of any kind illegal.

Imprisonment or exile was the penalty for disobedience.

A few days before Christmas, town criers went through the streets warning against holiday celebrations.

In England, the ban lasted eight years - and even longer in the United States. The belief that Christmas merry-making was sinful came to the New World with the Pilgrims.

New England states outlawed Christmas observances until the middle of the 19th century. In Boston, for instance, Christmas was illegal until 1856.

IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Citizens of Newfoundland show their Christian ethics with the Christmas custom known as "Fishing for the Church". On this day huge quantities of fish are caught and brought by the parishioners of a village to the church where they are sold. Proceeds of the sale go toward buying firewood for the curate.

Tell your merchant you saw his Christmas Greeting!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

On Christmas Eve in Melbourne, Australia, a vast crowd assembles to sing the season's favorite carols. In recent years over 300,000 have been on hand. This "Carols by Candlelight" festival is the world's largest Christmas

carol "sing".

It is a delightful spectacle, for every singer carries a lighted candle. Picture those tiny lights glowing in the darkness while that vast chorus rises to the stars. It is one of Christmas' most thrilling presentations.

Everybody comes, regardless of race, religion, or social position; every singer has a can-

dle to show against the darkness.

For such a large gathering, there have to be many preparations. Candles and candleholders are ordered as early as March, to make sure the supply will not give out the last minute.

Of the late years, this Yule event has been tied in with an appeal in behalf of sick

and disabled youngsters. The response has become very generous. A staff of very many people handle all the details of the "Carols by Candlelight" program.

Sincerely tell everyone you see -- "Merry Christmas!"



May
the Joy
and Peace
of
Christmas
always
be
with You

Anita & Bobby Dobbs
AND ASSOCIATES



Best wishes
for Christmas

DAIRY KING
MR. & MRS. GENE THOMPSON



Greetings

Out of our yesterdays come the Yuletide traditions of happy greetings and cordial hospitality. In this spirit, we extend to all our good friends, a wonderfully warm and truly old-fashioned "Merry Christmas!"

KERR'S

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith of Lubbock, former residents, were weekend visitors here with friends.

Mrs. Elma Riley and her daughters, Mrs. Harvey Rogers and Mrs. Alfred Bendele, spent two days in Alpine last week with her other daughter, Mrs. Charlie Cash, and family.

Mrs. Ray Clifford went to Beaumont Monday night to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Parten, and family and to return her granddaughter, Renee Parten, who had visited here for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Keasler and son, Joe Earl, of Phoenix, Ar., were weekend visitors here with her sister, Mrs. N.M. Mitchell, and family. They took her mother, Mrs. Leola Hill, to Phoenix to spend the winter with them.

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Hunn will meet her mother, Mrs. Fern Carmichael, of Trini-

dad, Colo., in Midland Saturday and she will visit with them for several weeks.

Mrs. Clyde Carter returned home the first of the week from Clovis, N.M., where she had been visiting her daughters, Mrs. Eddie Crump and Mrs. Peyton Black, and their families. She left immediately for San Antonio to be with

her other daughter, Mrs. Charles Taylor, of Del Rio, whose husband had surgery Wednesday morning for the amputation of his leg.

Mrs. Jack Riggs visited on the ranch with her brother, Jim Bob Altizer, and family in Del Rio last week. Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Ed Robbins,

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and daughter, Johnni Jack, of El Paso joined her there for the visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Linam and boys visited in El Paso last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Welch took their baby daughter to

Alpine Wednesday for a medical check-up.

Mrs. W.D. O'Bryant, Mrs. Ben Martin, and Tom Breeding attended funeral services in Rocksprings Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. William (Bill) Taylor who died at her home Sunday morning.

Boy Scout News

On Saturday, December 6, Scoutmaster Chris Hagelstein and Assistant Scoutmaster Andy Falcon, with their sons, Ele Chris Hagelstein and Steve Falcon attended the District Boy Scout Banquet in Fort Stockton. Steve and Ele Chris, with Brad Cooke of Fort Stockton, were in charge of the flag ceremony to open the pre-banquet ceremony.

On Tuesday, December 9, Hagelstein attended a district round-table in Fort Stockton, composed of Scout leaders of this area. He was presented with a Scouters' Key Award, a leader's award.

The group also discussed the summer camping program.

Robert Nabers, the new District Scout Executive of the Permian Basin District, was present at the round-table. Mr. Nabers also visited the local group Monday night.

GEORGE ROARK ON FFA RADIO TEAM

George Roark, son of Mrs. H.H. Shelton, who is a senior in the Alpine High School, is a member of the Alpine Farm Radio team that has won several honors recently. The team won district honors in Marfa on November 1; went on to Big Spring to win top honors in the Area II competition on November 22. From there the team went to Huntsville where they were declared the sixth best radio team in the state on December 6 in the State FFA Farm Radio Leadership Contest. George is the narrator and their program is on drip irrigation.

CORRECTION

The news item in The Times last week should have read "Mr. and Mrs. Mack Turner of San Antonio were weekend visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Petty, and his grandmothers, Mrs. T. H. Eastman and Mrs. W.R. Turner."

My Neighbors



"No—No credit for being close—you've got to be right."

Sincerest Wishes
for CHRISTMAS



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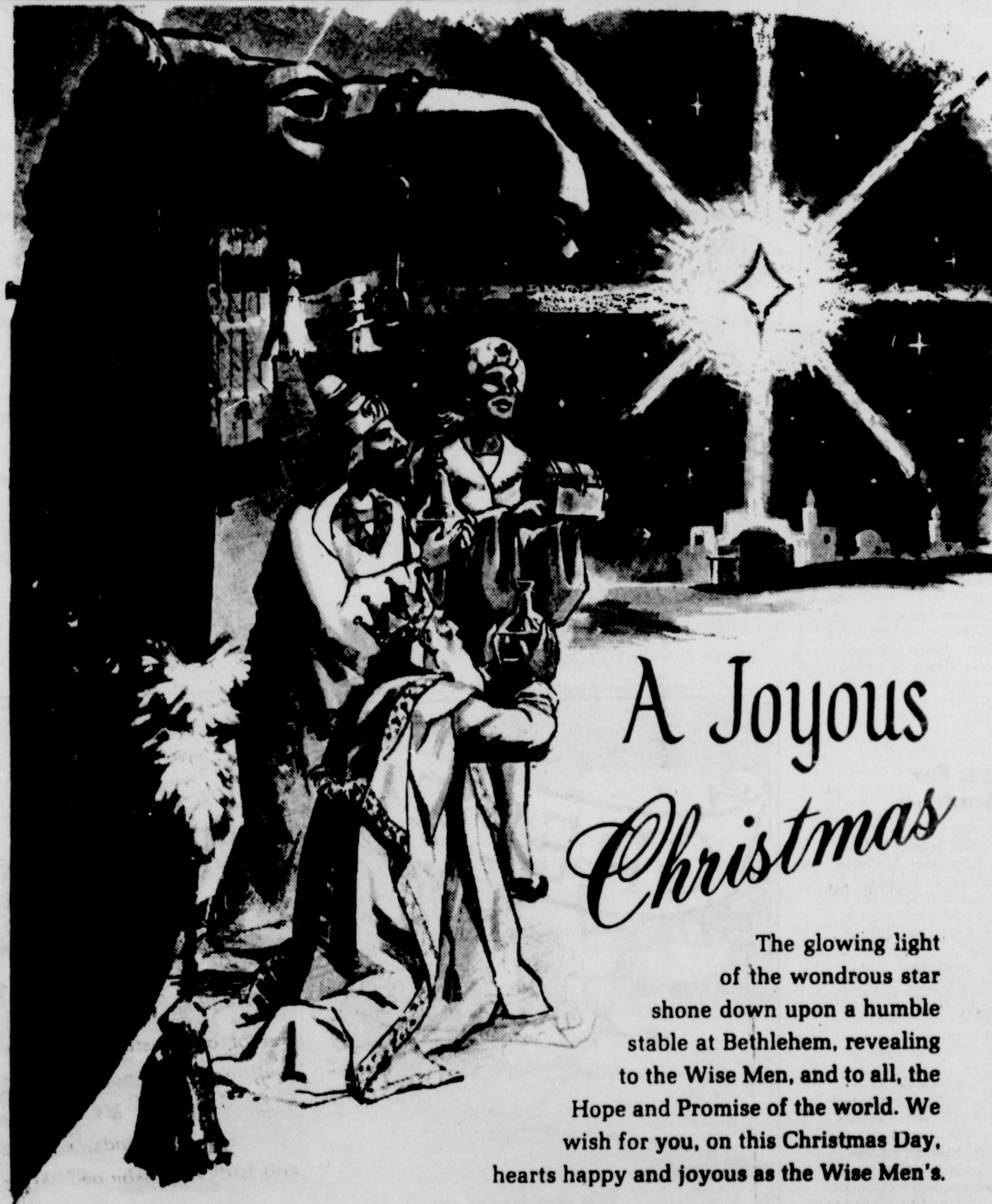
Greetings

May Christmastime joy

and laughter be yours on this
happy holiday . . . and may we
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A Joyous
Christmas

The glowing light
of the wondrous star
shone down upon a humble
stable at Bethlehem, revealing
to the Wise Men, and to all, the
Hope and Promise of the world. We
wish for you, on this Christmas Day,
hearts happy and joyous as the Wise Men's.

Big Bend Gas Co.

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Deer Season Ended Sunday for Blacktail

Deer season ended in the western half of Terrell County and the Trans-Pecos area Sunday.

Whitetail season continues through December 21 in the eastern part of the county and part of Pecos County.

There is no way to count or really estimate the number of deer taken in Terrell County this year, but all opinions are that there has been a record kill of deer, both blacktail and whitetail, in the county.

The size of the antlers, number of points, and condition of the deer is said to be as good as in several years and hunters who have come to this country seeking a good buck or doe for eating has been rewarded by the condition of the animal, and there have been a few trophy heads taken, according to reports.

Legion Auxiliary Meets Tuesday Of Last Week

Prayer by Mrs. L.H. Gilbreath, chaplain, opened the meeting of the Legion Auxiliary Tuesday evening in the Legion Hall with Mrs. Dalton Hogg presiding and leading the opening ceremony.

During the business meeting, there was a report that there were only seven members who had not paid their yearly dues and they will be contacted in an effort to reach the year's quota of 59.

A contribution of \$25.00 was voted to the local Ministerial Alliance Relief Fund.

A new policy in the renting of the hall was adopted and hereafter arrangements for the renting must be made by an adult who will be given the key to the building and be held responsible for any damage to it and the equipment and also for the building being left clean and in order.

Mrs. Gilbreath reported on several articles in the Legislative Bulletin.

Mrs. Hogg was the hostess and after adjournment served chips and dips, mixed nuts, party crackers, hot chocolate, and spiced hot apple cider.

Sprays of poinsettias were arranged down the length of the table and the candy canes and popcorn balls wrapped in Christmas colors, which were used as decorations also, were given to the members.

Christmas motifs of poinsettias were on the plates, cups, and napkins.

Other members present were Mmes. Ruby McSparran, Carlton White, Mark Duncan, W.H. Savage, Clyde Higgins, Greene Cooke, Jim Kerr, and E.E. Farley.

New Test For Local Students

The freshman class of the Sanderson High School took the Career Education Measurement Series test last week, which was the first time for the test to be administered in Sanderson schools, according to "The Claw".

The story continues: the CEMS is a battery of 17 tests for career education. The tests include a survey test to diagnose general areas in student achievement in career education and 16 other tests to measure more depth of the student's knowledge of career education.

The test was designed to determine the progress of an individual's learning basic outcomes. The test can also be used to compare with developments in career education.

Read all the Greetings ads!

MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS JOY AND NEW YEAR PEACE.

Mrs. Joe Hill Jr. and Burp.

Graham Childress attended the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. and A.M. in Waco. He is the master of the Sanderson Masonic Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Glass and children, Elizabeth and

Wesley, of Sterling City were overnight visitors Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Ervin Grigsby, and Mr. Grigsby.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sneddon and son, Derek, of Denver, Colo., arrived Sunday for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Suduth.

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Christmas Greetings

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Merry Christmas

Here's wishing you the long-lasting happiness of an old-fashioned Yule!

The Leas-

BILL & JO



O, Holy Night

May all the happiness and joy of this wondrous time come to you and yours, lighting your days with peace and contentment. And may each Christmas bring a new and glorious morn of enduring love and hope to everyone, everywhere.

*Eveline & Barton Massey
Wynne & Randy*



It's that joyous and gladsome time of year when we open our hearts and homes to one and all, sharing our blessings large and small. May yours be the rich delight that comes with partaking of the spirit of Christmas.

C. G. Morrison Co.

Guadalupe Have Fiesta And 'Posadas'

On Friday, December 12, the Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe was begun early in the morning with mananitas and mass by Rev. John Pierce following. The ladies of Las Guadalupe celebrated in honor of the Reyna de los Mexicanos with mass, communion, and their annual party in which gifts were exchanged and a discussion held for the "posadas".

Fourteen new members were received into the Sodality, including Mmes. Juan Saenz, Raymond Fierro, Joe Fuentes, Joe Maldonado, Hector Chalmabaga, Paul Guadarrama, Minnie Munoz, Raul Flores, Eutimio Rodriguez, Joe Garcia, Alex Escamilla, Ruperto Perez, Oscar Marquez, and Ernesto Zepeda.

The "posadas" started on Tuesday, December 16, beginning at the residence of Mrs. Eutimio Rodriguez. They will continue daily at the homes of Mmes. Eleno Marquez, Pete Olivarez, Tony Calzada, Basilia Barron, Otilio Escudero, Johnny Benavides, and Raymond Fierro, culminating on Christmas Eve, at the home of Juan Salazar. At 7:00 o'clock, the procession will move down Oak St. and end at St. James Catholic Church. In the parade Mary and Joseph will be travelling with their donkey and looking for a place to stay where the Baby Jesus can be born. Everyone is invited to see this beautiful and meaningful "posada".

Open House At Treat Home

Friends and members of the First United Methodist Church were invited by Rev. and Mrs. David Treat to an open house at the parsonage Sunday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock.

A profusion of beautiful Christmas decorations were in evidence throughout the house, many of them made by Mrs. Treat who has creative ability and talent.

Punch, coffee, cookies, and mints were served. Informal visiting was enjoyed by those attending. Upon leaving, each was asked to take an ornament from a special Christmas tree and hang it on their tree as a memento of the occasion.

McARTHUR-FARROW RITES EXCHANGED NOVEMBER 28

Miss Dana Page Farrow and Martin Allen McArthur of Harlingen exchanged marriage vows in that city Friday, November 28.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Farrow, former Sanderson residents. Mrs. Farrow is the former Sandra Taff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce G. Taff, of Rio Frio, who attended the wedding and reception.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. McArthur of Harlingen.

The bride's brother, Bryan W. Farrow, was the usher.

Make this a Merry Christmas!

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EACH DAY

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O.T. Schupbach underwent major surgery in a San Antonio hospital Sunday morning and is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

Nelson Cooke has gone to Waco to attend Texas State Technical Institute where his brother, Darrell Cooke, has been enrolled for the past two years. The young men are

sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cooke.

Steve Litton and his fiancée Miss Renee Nielson, were weekend visitors with his mother, Mrs. Gene Litton. They are students at Angelo State University.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Horton spent the weekend in Alpine with friends.

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Read The Times' Want Ads!



AT Christmas
Let there be joy
and laughter with friends,
neighbors and family . . .
plus our sincerest Merry Christmas greetings!

The McKenzies
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Santa's bag is filled with our cordial regards, thanks and

Greetings

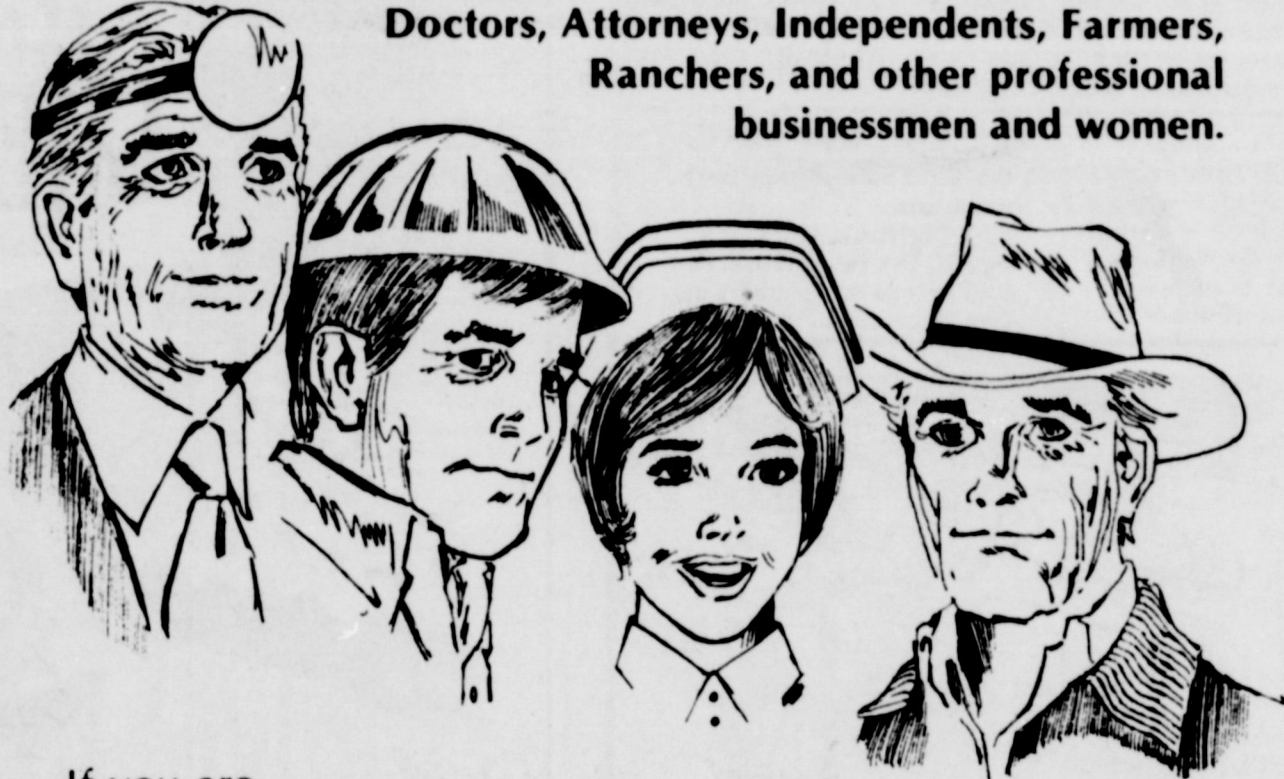
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Christians Celebrate Holiday With Joy and Prayer

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

— Luke 2:13-14

In church services this Christmas season, Christians everywhere gather to commemorate the miracle of a holy night nearly 2,000 years ago. The message of Christmas lives anew — in candlelight and carols, in pageants and prayers.

Joyfully, the happiness of Christmas finds expression in music and song. Choirs sing the praises of the Babe of Bethlehem, and sacred hymns and carols reflect the spirit of rejoicing. Even as the herald angels sang to shepherds long ago, so now exultant voices join in proclaiming the Birth of Christ, with "on earth peace, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

— Luke 2:15-16

Along with the joyous exultation, there is a spirit of thankful humility in celebration of this holy Day. In both church and private devotionals, Christians ponder anew the word of the Christmas story, as it was told by two of His disciples, Matthew and Luke. It is read and re-read, remembered and reflected upon. And it is beheld, symbolically, in Nativity scenes that, by treasured tradition, recreate the manger of His birth.

Prayerfully, each congregation and each individual celebrates Christmas, keeping always in memory that the glory of His coming was first revealed to humble shepherds, and that the Holy Child was born in a simple manger. Worshippers give thanks to God, for the Miracle and its meaning.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

— Matthew 2:11

The Wise Men, says St. Matthew, followed a Star to seek and find the Babe of Bethlehem. Their joy at beholding Him, and their precious gifts in homage, express much of the wonder and majesty of the Christmas story, as it is envisioned today. Yet in those gifts was a prophecy, a poignant reminder of the sacred solemnity, the highest meaning of Christmas.

Gold was a precious treasure, fitting gift for the newborn King. Frankincense, an ingredient of incense, expressed the legendary belief that "incense owns a deity night."

The third gift was in sad token of great sorrow to come. Myrrh, used by the ancients in funeral rites, symbolized Christ's own supreme gift of life and foretold His death upon the Cross.

At the manger, there was the shadow of Calvary.

Thus Christmas is celebrated, joyfully, prayerfully, solemnly, with dedication to its sacred meaning: The Child born in a manger was the Son of God, destined to take up the burdens of mankind and bear them to the Cross, where He died that the spirit of man might live forever.

IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

It's customary among the Czechs to break off a cherry tree branch at the beginning of advent. The branch is placed in a pot of water in

the kitchen and kept in the warm air.

At Christmas time, it's hoped, the twig will burst into bloom and make a festive decoration.



Merry Christmas

Huletide is the time to pass happy tidings... so share with us this Happy Day! Have a Merry Christmas!



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IN SCANDINAVIA

The Jultomten is a friendly gnome, who not only brings gifts to Scandinavian children, but guards the household and farm as well. To keep him happy, the children give the cattle extra fodder and leave sheaves of grain for the birds on Christmas Eve.

Communities as well as countries have their own special way of celebrating Christmas.

In Joshua Tree, Calif., this small community transforms itself into a replica of Bethlehem. The story of the first Christmas is re-enacted, with the main street serving as a giant stage.



O, HOLY NIGHT

The stars are brightly shining... it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth. Joyous season's greetings to one and all at Christmastide.

House of Beauty

AMANDA COUCH

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Sleigh bells ring, voices sing out all through the land in friendly Christmas greetings. To these we add our own, extending to our faithful customers and friends the warmest holiday wishes, the sincerest "thank you" for your patronage.

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Robin Lives in Holiday Legend

What's a robin doing on a Christmas card? More familiar as a harbinger of spring, bobbing along with a fat worm in his mouth, the robin is nevertheless a centuries-old Christmas symbol. And one of the earliest Christmas cards, a 100-year-old English greeting, features an illustration of a robin on a snowbank.

Because legend says the robin played a vital part in the first Christmas, Yuletide decorations and cards have long celebrated the cheery red-breast. This year's crop of Christmas cards included an assortment of robin designs, many depicting the bird at the manger scene.

One card published for this year featured a retelling of the robin legend, reports Mrs. Jeannette Lee, design director for Hallmark cards.

According to the legend, the Holy Family was not alone in taking refuge in the stable at Bethlehem. Perched on a rafter, a small brown robin watched as the three Magi presented their gifts to the newborn Christ Child.

The robin seemed to understand that something wondrous was happening. After the departure of the Magi, when the Holy Family was asleep, the robin noticed that the stable fire was dying. Only



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ANTIQUE CHRISTMAS CARD INSPIRED BY robin legend was designed by Jonathan King in London in 1867. The robin wears a red vest because he fanned the embers of the stable fire, to keep the Christ Child warm, legend says. The well-preserved greeting, a century-old this year, is from the Hallmark Historical Collection.

a few coals smoldered.

In a valiant attempt to revive the flickering embers, the robin swooped down to fan the fire.

Hovering above the coals, he flapped his wings, fanning the embers to life. As the fire burned brighter, flames singed the robin's breast, scorching his brown feathers a brilliant red gold.

Through the night he fan-

ned the fire to keep the Child warm. Ever since, the robin has worn a red vest, symbolizing his gift.

As a Christmas symbol, the robin embodies the spirit of giving. Like the Magi, the robin gave a precious gift, and he gave it at the cost of personal sacrifice. Thus the robin's gift suggests the deeper meaning — the giving of one's self — the legend notes.

Serious Side of Snoring is Told

Snoring seems harmless enough. But for some people it can be a sign of trouble.

Some snorers, who usually snore heavily and loudly, suffer from a condition called sleep apnea that seriously affects breathing.

This type of snorer may actually interrupt his or her breathing up to 800 times nightly. The disruption in breathing can lead to chronic high blood pressure and even trigger heart failure or stroke.

Snoring happens involuntarily when several muscles back in the mouth relax and air makes a sound as it passes.

Allergies, smoking, and lying on one's back are some of the conditions that can trigger snoring. The first snores usually come about one-and-a-half hours after the person falls asleep.

Some extreme types of snoring can be a serious problem, but snoring is a common type of night breathing. Estimates are that one out of eight Americans snore regularly. Of the elderly, the figure is one out of two.

The American Lung Association has no cures for snoring, but it has lots of information about problems of breathing and what can be done to alleviate them.



Greetings

In the spirit of this holy Christmas Day, we send greetings to all.

SANDERSON BEAUTY SHOP
Mrs. Bertha Marquez

First Decorations Varied Widely

The early types of decorations for Christmas trees were as varied and as characteristic as the nationalities of the people creating them.

The farm-folk in Lithuania designed windmills and bird-cages of straw; the fisher-folk used fish nets; some Scandinavians formed strings of small flags, and the Poles favored feathers, bright ribbons, and colored papers tied onto the trees.

Our use of tinsel stems from an enchanting legend of dingy cob-webs woven by a spider

around a tree on Christmas Eve which miraculously turned to silver in the morning.

From the simple fruits and wafers, each generation added ingenious improvements to their decorations; red cranberry strings, and gilded nut shells, colorful paper chains, sparkling stars, striped candy canes, bells, and gingerbread men. Apples wrapped in bright paper evolved into today's scintillating ornaments.

Mrs. James Marshall of Napa, Calif., arrived Tuesday to spend several weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. F.D. Fisher, and family.



Silent Night

Christmas comes, and renews the glorious inspiration of that Holy Night long ago. To all, we wish a holiday season rich in many joys and blessings.



Bill's Superette

IN TURKEY

A unique holiday tradition in Turkey requires the head of the church to throw a wooden cross into the Bosphorus. On Christmas Day, three boys dive after it.

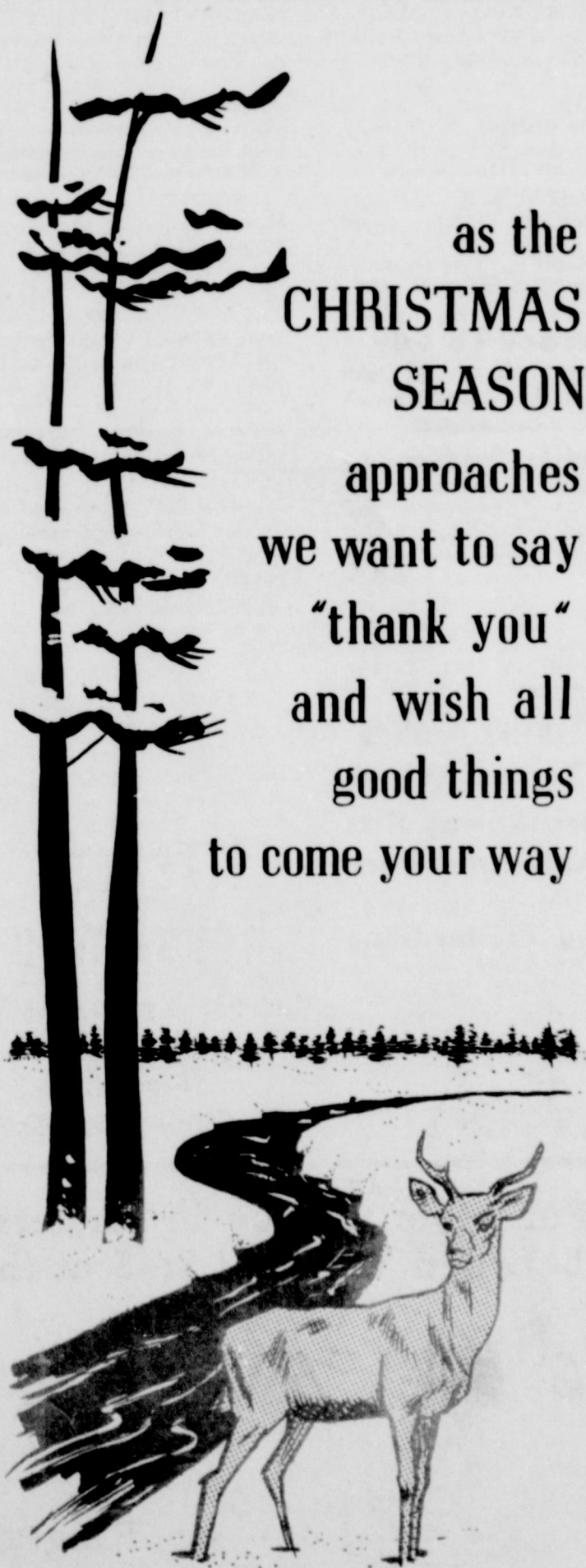
The finder takes the cross from house to house and re-

ceives in return food and gifts from those who are allowed to see the cross.

Winn Haynes of Uvalde visited here two days last week with his mother, Mrs. Sadie Welling, and other relatives.



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Texas Almanacs Are Available

The Texas Almanac has special features not included in any other one book published. For example a history of the Railroad Commission, the latest U.S. Census on manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, the service industries and transportation in Texas, an account of the 10 Travel Trails of Texas, and a history of Texas A&M University, observing its 100th anniversary in 1976.

Included also are data on election results, listings of county, municipal, and state officials, appointive boards and commissions, officials of state and regional civic and trade organizations, and sections on agriculture, manu-

facturing, transportation, and government.

A new Texas map in color, with major highways, supplements 254 county maps, updated from maps prepared by the Texas Highway Department. Tourism and recreation also are featured with listings of state and national parks.

"This is the 48th edition of the Texas Almanac that has been published since 1857," said Joe M. Dealey, president of the Dallas Morning News. "We believe it continues the high standards that have made this publication the Encyclopedia of Texas."

John Bourne of Houston was a weekend visitor with Rev. and Mrs. David Treat and Tricia.

Two Fields in County Named

The University Block 34, East (Wolfcamp gas) field of Terrell County was opened Nov. 12 with completion of Amoco Production Co. No. 1-B Pakenham Ranch Co., Ltd. 10 miles southwest of Sheffield, for a calculated, absolute open flow of 5,200,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations at 6,444-839 feet.

Location is 2,432 feet from the south and 3,849 feet from the west lines of Mrs. Ann McClung No. 2, Abst. 894 and in Block 219.

The KM(6,300 Wolfcamp oil) field of Terrell County was opened Nov. 21 with completion of Mobil Oil Corp. No. 1 State-Mitchell, 28 miles northeast of Sanderson, to pump 18 barrels of 36.8 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 2,500-1, through perforations at 6,270-571 feet.

Location is 993 feet from the north and 1,417 feet from the east lines of 30-1-CCSD6 RGNG.

Allowable has not been set. CEK-1 ARCO-Mitchell, 9-575 feet in lime and shale. Napeco 1 Allison, Drilling below 370 feet.

Wood & Locker 1 Noelke, preparing to acidize through new Atoka perforations at 9,423-428 feet.

Mrs. W. A. Haynes and daughter, Jo Lynn, have moved to Fort Stockton. Her son, Glenn Haynes, and wife are living there and her son, Dennis, is there also.

Word from S.H. Underwood is that his wife continues to improve slowly "seemingly at a snail's pace". Their son, Ross Underwood of Arcola, Miss., and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pickard, of Eagle Pass, visited with them during the Thanksgiving holidays and will also be there some time during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Underwood is at the Baptist Geriatrics Hospital and he is in San Angelo also. His closing statement was "It looks like Sam's Christmas tree will be dark again this year".

NOTICE
At a meeting of the Legion Auxiliary, a new policy adopted requires that the rental of the Legion Hall must be made by an adult who will be given the key to the building and held responsible for any damage to the building or the equipment and also for the building being left clean and in order.
Mrs. Dalton Hogg, president, Legion Auxiliary

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BARGAIN! SLIDE RULES \$2.25 each at The Times. Get one now for next year.

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FOR SALE - Fat kid and yearling goats at all times. Call Carlos Galvan. 345-2402. tfc

The new Bicentennial Cookbook compiled by Friends of the Terrell County Public Library, \$3.50 each; West Texas Cookery, \$2.75 each. For mailing add 25¢. The Times office or the Public Library.

Look for bargains in want ads in The Sanderson Times. adv.

SPECIALS ON KOSCOT -
Koncentree - \$8.49;
Lady Koscot Bath Kure 2-oz. - \$4.49.
And several other specials. Call Linda Moore - 2265.

La Cabana Shop of Alpine is showing ladies' ready-to-wear at Galaxy TV Sales, 215 West Oak. One rack at \$5.00, another at half of original price.

FOR SALE - 3-bedroom house at 411 Third St. 345-2983.

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness shown us during these past weeks. The flowers, cards, calls, and food were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Mrs. Mark Duncan, who has stayed with Eunice while I was out.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Being certified by the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Texas for this purpose, the Mohair Council of America, 516 Central National Bank Building, San Angelo, Texas 76901, proposes a referendum election on February 10, 1976, under provisions of Article 55C, Vernon's Civil Statutes on the proposition of whether or not mohair producers in the following counties shall assess themselves an amount not to exceed 2½ cents per pound on all mohair sold to be collected at the first point of sale, and to elect members for a 12-person commodity producers board to administer proceeds of such assessment to be used for advertising, promotion, market and product development, education and research programs designed to encourage production, marketing and use of Texas mohair.

Counties included in the referendum are: District 1 - Terrell, Crockett, Pecos, Brewster, Presidio and Jeff Davis. District 2 - Val Verde, Kinney. District 3 - Edwards. District 4 - Bandera, Real, Medina, Uvalde. District 5 - Mason, Llano, Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall, Comal, Blanco. District 6 - Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble. District 7 - Mills, Hamilton, San Saba, Coryell, Lampasas, Burnet, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Bell. District 8 - Irion, Sterling, Coke, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, Coleman, Runnels, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan. District 9 - Brown, Eastland, Comanche, Erath, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Jack, Parker, Hood.

The referendum and election will be held by physical ballot with voting place to be at each county ASCS office in the referendum area or in the county courthouse in counties that do not have ASCS office facilities. Polls will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Producers who will be away from their particular voting box location on election day may obtain an absentee ballot from county agent offices, wool and mohair warehouses or from the Mohair Council of America. Absentee ballots must be mailed in the self-addressed envelope to the central balloting place at P.O. Box 222, San Angelo, Texas 76901, before midnight three days prior to the election date.

Any person within this referendum area engaged in the business of producing or causing to be produced mohair for commercial purposes is eligible to vote, including owners of ranches and their tenants and sharecroppers, if such person would be required to pay the assessment proposed.